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This begins the 40th continuous year of publication of the Weedman Newsletter. It was started in March 1968 by Marianne and Paul Montgomery.

We hope you all weathered the winter without serious illness or inconvenience!

This issue marks the 40th year of the **Weedman Newsletter**. It began in March 1968 when **Marianne** and **Paul Montgomery** started to communicate with family members on historical and genealogical findings. Little did they know they had begun a project that could stretch 40 years and continue on from there!

Marianne Montgomery was inducted into the Weedman Hall of Fame not only for the contributions that she and Paul made to the family for the Newsletter but also for her numerous hours of hard labor in libraries, courthouses and other places looking for Weedman information. **Marianne** remains our **Editor Emeritus** and is held in extremely high regard by everyone.

Subscription Update

In our last issue, we asked for those who had not contributed to the support of the Newsletter to update their subscriptions if they wanted to continue to receive the publication. Response was fantastic!

Special recognition goes to a number of people whose contributions far exceeded expectations including: **Richard D. Weedman, Jan Bruner, Sally Lawlor, George Perry Weedman, Marianne Montgomery, Carl L. Weedman, Neva Weedman, Beryl Poteat, George-Anne Planck, Bill and Thea Weedman, Sandra Harbison, Kathy Fislar**, and a number of others.

The cost to mail the Newsletter continues to escalate and it is noted that first class postage will go up again in May to \$0.42 per ounce. Copy costs also are increasing and as a result, we have removed a number of subscribers who did not respond. We don't want the Newsletter to go to anyone who no longer has interest and it is a normal development to lose some subscribers over time. We did a post card reminder recently and that has generated a good response.

Our subscriber list has been pared from 160 to 120 or so. We are highly appreciative of those who continue to support the Newsletter. Thank You!

While we are on the subject of communications, don't forget to take a look at the family web site on occasion. We have some ideas to enhance this and have found some sites we consider as superb. But, it takes time, effort and creativity to have a great site and that is what we would like to achieve.

Recent Correspondence

Here is a brief summary of some of the

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<p><i>We appreciate the many subscribers and others who show interest in family history and share information.</i></p>	<p><i>(Continued from page 1)</i></p> <p>contacts made recently. If you have interests on the lines of the family these people are pursuing, let us know and we can put you in contact with them.</p> <p>Jo Christensen – working on her husband’s line, which is Charity Weedman who married Robert Rutledge (the first marriage in McLean Co., IL) and whose son lived in Webster City, Iowa.</p> <p>Robert Jesse Weedman – a student in Spokane WA who is interested in his family that goes through Weedmans in Nevada, Colorado and ultimately back to Perry County, IN (Daniel Weedman line).</p> <p>Susan Ziegler and her sister-in-law, Renee Weedman, interested in the lineage of Allen Fleming Weedman who moved to Nebraska from Jasper, IN. Allen was a son of Jonathan Weedman and grandson of Jacob and Mary Frances (Fleming) Weedman. Renee is a motivational speaker. This family resides in Ply-</p>	<p>mouth, WI.</p> <p>John Bischoff interested in the Bishop family (Catherine Bishop married Jacob Weedman, son of George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman.</p> <p>Jonathan Eversole who has extensive interest in the Eversole family. A daughter of Catherine Weedman, wife of John Huhn, Jr. and later Jacob Keefover, married an Eversole.</p> <p>Roy Kennedy has interest in the Kern family and the fact that Barbara Weedman, a daughter of Christian Weedman, Sr., married Nicholas Riffle and later Michael Kern(s). Kern(s) was a founder of Morgantown, WV.</p> <p>Allison Parsley whose grandfather was a Weedman Hall of Fame member, Freeman Burford Weedman.</p> <p>Vicki Kimberlin of Sandusky, OH is a prolific researcher and has submitted numerous items of interest to family genealogical researchers.</p> <p>Wiley Shawn has submitted information</p> <p><i>(Continued on page 3)</i></p>
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on possible theories about the arrival of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** in 1750.

Kathryn Weedman-Cox operates the Cox B&W Lab in Rancho Cordova, CA. They specialize in restoration and reproduction of historical photographs and have among their client list The California State Library, The Sacramento Archives, The National Archives, The BBC, and many others. We hope she can attend a future Reunion and demonstrate services provided and give a talk on what we individually can do to preserve our old pictures.

A Trip to the National Archives

One advantage of having family in the Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. area is the opportunity to do family research at the National Archives. In February, we renewed a special research card that provides access to original files for many records. In a limited time, we were able to review the Civil War pension files for **Catherine Keefover**, whose son, Jacob Keefover, died in VA and for as well as that for **Delilah Hand Weedman**.

The Civil War pension files are a goldmine for genealogical information in many cases. But, they also must be taken in context. When applying for a pension, it was in the applicant's best interest to show that they were destitute and if rejected, the poorhouse might be the next stop. In reality, the applicant's were rarely in such dire straits.

Delilah Hand married **Asa Weedman**, a son of **John Huhn Weedman, Sr.** on 20 October 1836 in IL. Asa died in 1866 or 1868 and left a large family. Two sons, **John William Weedman** and **Norman A. Weedman**, served in the Civil War.

John William Weedman died in the Andersonville prison in Georgia where so many died of malnutrition. His death was on 15 November 1864. In her application for a pension, a statement relative to **Norman Weedman** indicated that while he survived the war, he never married and as "never right" after he returned from the service.

The pension file was quite thick and contained one of the earliest pre-nuptial agreements we have seen (there was one earlier one for **Barbara Weedman Rifle Kern(s)**). In addition, there were numerous letters from neighbors and "friends" some of whom stated that her husband, **Edmund Adams**, could not support her and she deserved the pension of \$12.00 per month. Others, and there were many, stated that she was actually quite well off. Some stated that when **Asa Weedman** died that she and each of the children received an inheritance of \$1,300 or so. In addition, some stated that Mr. Adams was well off in his own right. Included in the folder were letters to the President of the U.S. and to the Secretary of War objecting to her pension! Due to the thickness of the file, I failed to make copies of many of the more interesting and pertinent papers so need to return to accomplish that. It appeared to me that she was successful in obtaining the pension, but due to objections it was later withdrawn.

Another aspect of interest was the fact that **Delilah Adams**, was residing in Louisburg, Kansas much of the time while applying and defending her pension. But also, that she intended to return to Webster City, Iowa. The pension application process began in 1890 and continued for a number of years. The fact that she could apparently move easily between Louisburg and Webster City in

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The research room at the National Archives in Washington DC gives you access to the original records in many cases but in particular pension files, etc.

Condolences to family members who have lost a loved one recently. We appreciate the news even though it is sad to report.

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those days, when transportation was more limited, was interesting.

Delilah Adams did return to Hamilton Co., IA and died in Woolstock, IA on 13 September 1909. She is buried in Webster City, IA.

Another file that contained extremely interesting information was an application for a mother’s pension by **Catherine Keefover** who also had two sons in the Civil War. She was the wife of **James Keefover** whose mother was **Catherine (Weedman) (Huhn) Keefover** about whom a article will begin in the next issue.

One son, **Jacob Keefover**, died of “brain fever” while serving with his unit near Richmond, VA. He was never injured in battle and may never have actually fought in the War. In the folder at the National Archives is a letter from the Commanding Officer of **Jacob Keefover** advising his parents of his death. A copy of the letter will appear in the Newsletter as part of the article on Catherine Keefover.

There was no argument against the pension for **Catherine Keefover** who stated she would be dependent on the income to sustain her and her husband. She received a pension until her death.

There will be another trip to the National Archives in early summer and we intend to obtain copies of pertinent papers in other Weedman family member files.

Obituaries
William Ernest Weedman

William Ernest Weedman, Jr., 66, of Fairdale, KY passed away Monday, March 19, 2007 at St. Mary’s and Elizabeth Hospital. He was a retired Journeyman Machinist for the Naval Ordnance Station, a Vietnam Era Navy

veteran, and a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, **Lillian Lee Weedman**; sons, **William Ernest Weedman III** and **Raymond Lee Weedman**; grandchild, **Melissa McCullough**; and along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins. His funeral Mass was on March 22nd and interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Louisville, KY.

His lineage: William Ernest **Weedman** Jr.⁸, William Ernest **Weedman** Sr.⁷, Louis Cornelius **Weedman**⁶, Samuel Elisha **Weedman**⁵, George Glasscock **Weedman**⁴, Daniel **Weedman**³, Christian **Weedman**, Jr.² and Christian **Weedman**, Sr.¹.

Sharon Herke

Sharon L. (Seitz) Herke, 63, of Evansville, IN died on February 2, 2007 at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. Sharon was a 1961 graduate of Reitz High School. She worked for many years at U of E as an administrative assistant.

Sharon was an avid reader and enjoyed scrap-booking. She and her sister, **Diane Hall**, enjoyed working together on their family’s genealogy. She was a member of the Light Center. Sharon was dedicated to her family and especially enjoyed her grandchildren. She also loved her cats, Peanuts and Pearl.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 47 years, **Robert Herke** of Evansville; daughters, **Lisa Henn** and husband, **John**, of Evansville, **Katherine Nickel** and husband, **Mike**, of Evansville, and **Kimberly Ritchie** and husband, **Tony**, of Lawrenceville, Ill.; grandchildren, **PFC John Ritchie**, **Pvt. Blake Ritchie**, **Robert Ritchie** and **David Nickel**; sister, **Diane Hall**; and brother, **Michael Seitz**.

Services were on March 5, 2007 with burial in Tupman Cemetery in Evansville, IN.

Her lineage: Sharon L. **Herke**⁹, Ruth Ellen **Oran**⁸, Myrtle Ivy **Orum**⁷, Drusie Ellen **Weedman**⁶, John W. **Weedman**⁵, William **Weedman**⁴, John **Weedman** II³, Christian **Weedman**, Jr.² and Christian **Weedman**, Sr.¹.

(Sharon attended every Weedman Family Reunion except for the 2004 San Diego event and was an avid supporter of the genealogi-
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cal research of the Weedman family. She and her sister, Diane Hall, created and maintained the Weedman Family Scrapbook which is on permanent display at the Willard Public Library in Evansville, IN).

Donna Weedman

Donna Weedman, 83, of Tracy, MN died November 3, 2006, at Tracy Area Medical Services. Services were held at the Tracy United Methodist Church with burial at the Walnut Grove City Cemetery. She was born Oct. 17, 1923, to **John** and **Lena (Pryor) Wreath** in Tracy.

Survivors include her husband **Elmer Weedman** of Tracy; daughters **Pat Marks** of Marshall and **Peg Stock** of Montevideo, MN; sons **Dick Weedman** of Lamberton, MN; **Earl Weedman** of Tracy; and **David Weedman** and **Todd Weedman**, both of Middlebury, Vt.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters **Queen Freedlam** of Pueblo, Colo., and **Dorothy Keele** of Missouri; brothers **John Wreath** of Balaton and **Roger Wreath** of Springfield; two sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The lineage of Donna Weedman's husband: Elmer Earl **Weedman**⁷, Earl Elmore **Weedman**⁶, Henry Linas **Weedman**⁵, Asa **Weedman**⁴, John Huhn **Weedman**, Sr.³, George **Weedman**², and Christian **Weedman**, Sr.¹.

Kenneth Weedman

Services for **Kenneth Loren Weedman**, 89, of Springfield, MN formerly of Walnut Grove, MN were held on November 11, 2006 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield, with burial in Soldier's Rest at the Springfield City Cemetery. He died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006, at St. John Lutheran Home in Springfield.

He was born Feb. 1, 1917, in Revere, to **Loran** and **Hattie (Schumacher) Weedman**. He was inducted into the U.S. Army-Air Force in May of 1942 and served with the 64th Fighter Squadron in the European, African and Middle Eastern Theaters during World War II. He was honorably discharged

in 1945.

Survivors include his wife **Gertrude** of Springfield; son **Duane** of Marshall; daughter **Diane Lade** of Springfield; eight grandchildren; sister **Mary Ann Hansen** of Hutchinson; and several nieces and nephews.

Sarah Cathryn Weedman

Sarah Cathryn Weedman, 78, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2007, at Oakwood Health Campus in Tell City, Indiana. She was born on April 22, 1928, in Perry County. Her parents were the late **Willis** and **Mary (Cronin) Bolin**. Also preceding her in death were her husband, **James H. Weedman**, a son, **James Earl Weedman**, brother, **Willis Bolin, Jr.** sisters, **Irene Bolin** and **Marie Litherland** and a great granddaughter, **Tiffany Nelson**.

Cathryn was a caregiver to the elderly and a member of Tell City Pentecostal Church. She enjoyed gardening and watching T.V., especially religious programs. Surviving are daughter, **Phyllis Dickenson**, Tell City, Indiana; son, **Larry Weedman**, Gentryville, Indiana; sister, **Evelyn Van Winkle**, Bristol, Indiana; grandchildren – **Cheryl Mason**, **Christina Wright**, **Jamie Weedman**, **Jennifer Nelson**, **Jeff Dickenson** and **Eric Dickenson**; and 13 great grandchildren.

The funeral was January 10, 2007 at Huber Funeral Home with burial in New Cliff Cemetery in Cannelton.

Her husband's lineage: James Herbert **Weedman**⁷, Herbert **Weedman**⁶, James David **Weedman**⁵, William **Weedman**⁴, John **Weedman** II³, Christian **Weedman**, Jr.² and Christian **Weedman**, Sr.¹.

Tiffany Lynn Nelson

Tiffany Lynn Nelson, infant daughter of **John** and **Jennifer Nelson**, was still born Tuesday January 2, 2006 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana. Tiffany is survived by her parents, **John** and **Jennifer (Weedman) Nelson**, Gentryville, Indiana.

(See the lineage in the obituary for her grandmother, Sarah Cathryn Weedman, above.)

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Please let Nick Weedman know of births, deaths, marriages, etc. and we will publish them in the Newsletter.

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Sylvia Weedman

Sylvia M. Weedman, 68, died September 16, 2006, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

She was born in Perry County Aug. 14, 1938 to the late **Ellsworth** and **Ida Mae (Parrott) Bolin**. Also preceding her in death were her husband, Leonard **Weedman**; a brother, **Ivan Bolin** and a daughter, **Brenda Sue Kleeman**.

A homemaker, she had worked at Hydro-Tex, formerly in Cannelton. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and going to yard sales.

Surviving are two sons, **Jerome Weedman** and **Kenny Bolin**, both of Cannelton; a sister, **Mandy Keown** of Troy; five grandchildren, **Jessie** and **Cody Bolin**, **Christina Miller**, **Betty Mae Swaney** and **Denny Lee Claize**, and companion, **Harold Meiring** of Cannelton.

Funeral services were on Sept. 19, 2006, at Huber Funeral Home in Cannelton with bur-

ial in Clover Creek Cemetery in Cloverport, Ky.

The lineage for Sylvia Weedman's husband: Leonard McC. **Weedman**⁷, Jeff Davidson Owen **Weedman**⁶, James David **Weedman**⁵, William **Weedman**⁴, John **Weedman** II³, Christian **Weedman**, Jr.² and Christian **Weedman**, Sr.¹.

2008 Reunion Inputs Sought

The **2008 Weedman National Family Gathering** will be held in Fayette Co., PA. This was where the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** family lived from 1765 until 1799.

We need your inputs on the optimum time for the event. Is April/May the best time, early summer, late summer or September/October? In addition, in order to know who many rooms to block, we need an idea of who has an intent to attend.

Your inputs to Nick Weedman (address on page 2 of this Newsletter) or an e-mail to nick@weedman.org are sought.

The Social Security Death index is available on line and provides a searchable data base of deaths. Only those with Social Security numbers are listed.

2006 Weedman Deaths Social Security Death Index

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Last Residence</u>
Weedman, Lucille	30 Jul 1929	12 Jan 2006	Youngtown, Maricopa Co. AZ
Weedman, Margaret W.	28 Mar 1920	27 Jan 2006	Vancouver, Clark Co., WA
Weedman, Roger D.	4 May 1947	14 Feb 2006	Illinois
Weedman, Mary A.	24 Dec 1936	12 Mar 2006	Paris, Lamar Co., TX
Weedman, Bettie M.	24 Oct 1917	25 Mar 2006	Shawnee Mission, Johnson Co., KS
Weedman, Ward C.	13 Aug 1919	1 Apr 2006	North Port, Sarasota Co., FL
Weedman, Judy	7 Aug 1946	30 Jun 2006	Solana Beach, San Diego Co., CA
Weedman, Loyd A.	17 Sep 1929	26 Jul 2006	Caneyville, Grayson Co., KY
Weedman, Angeline E.	6 Oct 1943	25 Aug 2006	Cashmere, Chelan Co., WA
Weedman, Sylvia	14 Aug 1938	16 Sep 2006	Cannelton, Perry Co., IN
Weedman, Dylan M.	8 Jun 2006	27 Oct 2006	MI
Weedman, Gerald D.	27 Nov 1946	8 Nov 2006	Woodsboro, Refugio Co., TX
Weedman, Hazel M.	18 Jan 1917	5 Dec 2006	Louisville, Jefferson Co., KY
Weedman, Nell A.	15 Jun 1906	26 Dec 2006	Cloverport, Breckinridge Co., KY

Obituaries for some of these have been published but there are several about whom we have no knowledge. The death of **Nell A. Weedman**, age 100, was researched in Breckinridge Co., KY and Perry Co., IN with no result. It is suspected she was **Nellie Atwell Weedman**, the widow of **Beco Weedman**. Nor can we identify **Dylan Weedman** who apparently died in Michigan.

(This is a continuation of an article on recording an oral history by Kenneth R. Weedman. The techniques and types of questions are educational. The entire interview on the web site (www.weedman.org) in April, 2007. This will conclude the story.)

INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES KENNETH WEEDMAN & ELNA ALICE LUMPKIN WEEDMAN 1982

This interview is from an hour-long tape with a transcription of 72 pages that I have edited. I have taken excerpts from general interest stories of how these families lived. People are spoken of by first name, nick name or Mom and Dad and I have placed their full name and dates after their spoken name the first time they appear in the text.

Tape of Charles Kenneth Weedman (*CKW*) (Dec. 6, 1912 – Aug. 27, 1990) and Elna Alice Lumpkin Weedman (*ELW*) (Feb. 27, 1913 – June 12, 2001): Interviewed by Kenneth Russell Weedman (*KRW*) in 1982 at their home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

KRW: Now, tell me what you did on Sunday afternoon when you were a boy (Charles Kenneth Weedman 1912-90).

CKW: My daddy (Norman Benedict Weedman 1876-1943) would hook up that little red horse to the hack and we'd go for a ride. What's a hack - some people call it a buggy. It has one seat up front, but two people could sit on it. Mom (Sarah Hilma Malmstrom Weedman 1881-1953) & Dad would sit up front, and she'd hold the baby and he'd drive the horse. Well, according to when it was. I was the baby sometimes, and Elizabeth (Elizabeth Weedman 1915-1987) was the baby Some times, and then Dorothy (Dorothy Weedman 1918-2005) was the baby sometimes. But Bill (William Russell Weedman 1925-1957) never was the baby in that hack.

KRW: What did you do, Mama (Elna Alice Lumpkin Weedman 1913-2001)? Did you go riding with on Sunday afternoon?

ELW: We had a Surrey with a Fringe on top. Lucy (Janie Lucille Lumpkin 1915-2003) and I rode in the back. Mama (Lou Craig Lumpkin 1892-47) held Claude (Claude Cleo Lumpkin, Jr. 1917-95) in her lap. I saw my first prairie chicken

CKW: Well, what did you do with Anne (Anne Craig Lumpkin 1919)?

ELW: She wasn't born daddy. I saw my first prairie chickens run across the road.

ELW: And Daddy (Claude Cleo Lumpkin 1891-70) and Mama pointed them out, and Daddy remarked at the time "I rarely see a prairie chicken" and he called our attention to it.

KRW: What year was that, do you remember?

ELW: I wasn't very old. I couldn't have been, but I remember it vividly because Daddy said... Daddy stopped the horse, and when they scurried across the road he said "look at the prairie chickens." They looked scrawny to me.

KRW: Well did you all have a seat in that surrey with the fringe on top.

ELW: No, just the one seat on the front. And like daddy said on theirs, Mama put a quilt (in the back bed).

CKW: Kind of like a pickup truck bed back there.

ELW: And Lucy and I sat on (the quilt). He was out to survey his farmland, and to see how the colored people were working on the farms. And that's why we took the ride in the buggy. We had a car, but you went in the Surrey because you could stop and go and look and wouldn't get stuck. We didn't have roads that a car would or could take you over.

CKW: It was just all dirt roads then. We didn't have much gravel roads then.

KRW: That was out there around the houses that had the breezeways right daddy?
Living quarters were on one side and the kitchen and all were on the other.

ELW: That's right.

KRW: Why would those houses have those breezeways?

CKW: Makes them cooler. They didn't have air conditioning then.

TAPE STOPS, THEN STARTS AGAIN.

KRW: You worked in the sawmill and what was your job?

CKW: I did everything that you could do in a sawmill. I set blocks, worked on the carriage, fired the boiler and I off burden, run the cut-off saw, and toted slabs and run the edger.

ELW: Cut a skunk in two one time.

CKW: Yeah. They'd brought a log in one time that had a hollow in it and Dad put it on the carriage and I set it out there. He said to set it out there a ways, so I did, and he run it through there. That skunk was in that hollow in that log. It just sawed that skunk in two. Man, you talk about stink.

KRW: What did your dad say?

CKW: That it smelled so bad he could nearly taste it.

ELW: They were so sick. They all had to go home.

KRW: You had to shut down that day?

CKW: Well after we ate lunch we did.

KRW: After you ate lunch ... aw, shoot.

ELW: He told me they vomited. It was horrible.

CKW: No, we didn't vomit. There were some of them felt like they wanted to vomit.

KRW: Who all was working there that day? Granddad and who else with you, Bernard (Norman Bernard Weedman 1911-55)?

CKW: No, he wasn't there (Bernard). There were eight or ten of us working there. I don't remember all the names, or who they all were. He gave us the jobs that you had to pay the highest salaries. One of us worked on the carriage; the other would fire the boiler. It paid two bits an hour for those jobs. And others, they just paid twenty cents. It was about...1930-31. During the Great Recession or Depression. Whatever you want to call it.

KRW: Well, you went to work on the riverboats after that didn't you?

CKW: I worked on a Snag boat C.B. Reese, and the Steamboat Arkansas.

ELW: What was the barge?

CKW: I worked on a barge on the Black River, except it wasn't self-propelled. The Harve Goodman wasn't it?

KRW: Well, if it wasn't self-propelled, what did you do?

CKW: Well, you floated. Float down the river on it.

KRW: What was your job on the barge? Pulling crosscut saw and what else?

CKW: No, I was a clerk on the barge.

(Conclusion. Full article to appear on the Weedman web site at www.weedman.org)

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2008 Weedman National Family Gathering Plans

We recently made a trip to Fayette Co., PA to begin the process of planning for the planned 2008 Weedman Family Reunion. The trip was partially successful and we still have much more work to do.

It appears that we will attempt to hold the event in June and try to steer clear of late school events as well as holidays such as Father's Day (June 15th). June 20-22, 2008 appears to be a reasonable weekend. It also appears that the Holiday Inn is the only facility capable of handling our needs. Both the date and venue will be selected very shortly. But, your inputs on these are open and highly welcomed.

We will headquarter in Uniontown and hope to have events there as well as on the original family homestead near Ma-sontown.

There are many attractions in the area. From a genealogical perspective, this is where the family of **Christian and Elizabeth Weedman, Sr.** lived from 1765 until 1799 and where most of their children were born. We have located the original homestead location and know the church in which they worshiped.

Jacob's Lutheran Church is where many of the grandchildren of Christian Weedman, St. were christened and where the family attended church. The original building is gone but the cemetery has a number of descendents buried there as well as others such as **Nicholas Riffle**,

the husband of **Barbara Weedman**. In addition, **John and Dorothy Huhn** are buried there — they are the parents of **John Huhn, Jr.** (first husband of **Catherine Weedman**) and **Charlotte Huhn**, wife of **George Weedman**.

Unfortunately, the church has so far denied any use of the church facilities to us at this point. We are working on this and had hoped to have at least one meal there during the event.

Nearby locations of interest to genealogists include Morgantown, WV where early records of the area are kept at the University of West Virginia.

In addition, we might offer an alternate side trip to Perry County, OH where the family moved after Fayette County, PA and where many family members died. Grave locations are not known there, however, with the exception of that for Catherine Weedman Huhn Keefover.

Other attractions in the immediate area are Fort Necessity, a great historical treasure and one which demonstrates lifestyles of

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The 2008 Weedman National Family Gathering will be held in historic Fayette County, Pennsylvania next June.

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If we have missed any obituaries, please let furnish details to the editor and we will publish the information in the next Newsletter.

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the time when our family lived there. Frank Lloyd Wright designed the famous structure called Fallingwaters which a recent Wall Street Journal called a site well worth visiting.

More details to come and all inputs are sought as we continue the planning process for this event.

Obituaries

Mary Edith Weidman

Mary Edith Henshaw Weidman, 91, of Blytheville, AR died on March 28, 2007 in Osceola AR. She was born on October 26, 1915 in Memphis, TN and married the late **Robert Simmons Weidman** on May 26, 1934. They were parents of **James R. Weidman** of Paragould, AR; **Charles P. Weidman** of Blytheville; and the late **Jon Stephen Weidman**, of Fayetteville. Services were held on March 30, 2007 with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Blytheville. The lineage of Robert Simmons Weidman was: **Christian**

Weedman, Sr.¹, Christian Weedman, Jr.², William Weedman³, Green Berry Weedman⁴, Charles Green Weedman⁵, Charles Floyd Weidman⁶, and Robert Simmons Weidman⁷.

Hilda Grace Ward Weedman

Hilda Grace Ward Weedman, 88, widow of **William G. Weedman**, formerly of Louisville, KY, died Sunday, May 27, 2007. A memorial service was held on May 31 at the Carter Funeral Home in Louisville.

Elmina Weedman Smith

Elmina Weedman Smith, 91, of Louisville, died Thursday June 7, 2007 at Spring View Health & Rehab in Leitchfield, KY. She was a Breckinridge Co. native and a homemaker. She was faithful to her church and was truly a saint of God. She prayed many prayers for everyone. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Elmer Smith**; parents,

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Herbert and Nancy Elizabeth "Betty" (Smith) Weedman; son, **Alford Smith**; two daughters, **Cora Elizabeth and Patsy Ann Smith**; two sons-in-law, **Herbert Hay and Joseph Martin**; four brothers; and six sisters. She is survived by three daughters, **Mildred Martin**, of Louisville, **Sudie Hay**, of Big Clifty and **Linda Sutton (Rev. Jimmie)**, of Big Clifty; daughter-in-law, **Hazel Smith**, of Louisville; granddaughters, **Sharon Crosier (Louis)**, of Cecilia, **Kim Lindsey (Mark)**, of Louisville, **Lisa Mullins (Tom)**, of Greenville, IN, **Sheri Sullivan (Dusty)**, of Eastview and **Michelle Gore (Stephen)**, of Big Clifty; grandsons, **Steve Martin (Susan)**, of Louisville, **Richard Martin (Robin)**, of Louisville and **Mark Smith (Kim)**, of Irvington; 22 great - grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on May 12 in Elizabethtown with **Rev. Jimmie Sutton** officiating. Burial was at the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery. Her line: **Christian Weedman, Sr.**¹, **Christian Weedman, Jr.**², **John Weedman**³, **William Weedman**⁴, **James David Weedman**⁵, **Herbert Weedman**⁶, and **Elmina Weedman**⁷

Richard H. Weedman

Richard Weedman was born on November 17, 1932 in North Hero Township, Lamberton, MN to **Jesse and Bertha (Enger) Weedman**.

He enlisted in the armed forces and served for two years in the army.

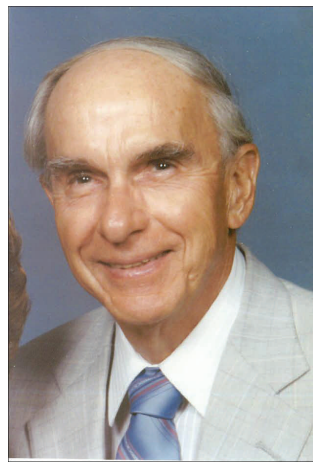
On June 12, 1955, he married **Marilyn Svensson** in Comfrey, MN where their three children, Brenda, Steven and Brian were born.

In 1964, he moved his family to Flagstaff. He worked for the Arizona Department of Transportation, Highway Department, and Coconino County Road Department. After he retired he drove a gasoline truck, and helped his son Steve with his construction company and his son Brian in his business.

He is survived by his wife, **Marilyn**; his chil-

dren; **Brenda and Sam Whitted** of Flagstaff; **Steve and Vicki Weedman** of Flagstaff and **Brian and Julie Weedman** of Glendale; and grandchildren **Amanda (Josh) Christy, Bonnie (John) McBride, Suzanne, Jesse, Paige and Mikaela**; great grandchildren, **Jace, Jude, and Mckenzie**. He is also survived by his three sisters **Vi Sparks** of Mankato, Minn., **Nadine Wilmas** of Jamesville, Minn., and **Dee Moots** of Aurora, Colo. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother **Roy** and sisters **Lola Weedman and Anita Christian**.

His line: **Christian Weedman, Sr.**¹, **George Weedman**², **John Huhn Weedman Sr.**³, **Asa Weedman**⁴, **Henry Linas Weedman**⁵, **Jesse B. Weedman**⁶, and **Richard Howard Weedman**⁷.



Gail H. Weedman

Gail H. Weedman, 86, Loveland, Colo., and formerly of Kokomo, passed away on Sunday, July 1, 2007, at Loveland Good Samaritan Health Care Center. Gail was born July 23, 1920, in Sulphur Springs, Ark., to **Ona and Lela (Evans) Weedman**. He married **Beatrice Cherimpes** on April 29, 1950 in Chicago. They moved to Fort Collins, Colo., in November 2003 from Kokomo.

Gail was a captain in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was honorably discharged on Nov. 12, 1945. Gail was executive secretary for the YMCA in Kokomo.

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The obituaries in this issue were taken from local newspapers and reported by various family members.

Shawn Wiley
has provided
some interesting
thoughts on the
immigration of
Christian
Weedman, Sr.

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After his retirement, he invented the Act/React program to help teens solve problems without violence. He was a member of the Kokomo Rotary Club, Elks Club, YMCA and Grace United Methodist Church. He enjoyed traveling, the mountains, and spending time with his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, **Beatrice Weedman**, Loveland, Colo.; daughter, **Karen Weedman** and husband **Mike Culbertson**, Fort Collins, Colo.; son, **Keith Weedman** and wife **Marcia**, Columbus; grandchildren, **Cathy, Mary, Leanne** and **Daniel**; and brother, **Charles Weedman**, Lenexa, Kan.

He was preceded in death by siblings, **Pauline Weedman, Arlene Shillingburg** and **Myron Weedman**.

Interment was at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, Colo.

His line: **Christian Weedman, Sr.**¹, **George Weedman**², **Jacob Weedman**³, **Jeremiah Weedman**⁴, **William Martin Weedman**⁵, **Ona Harrison Weedman**⁶, and **Gail H. Weedman**⁷.

Other Deaths

A search of the Social Security Death Index for 2007 has revealed two other Weedman deaths. We will attempt to get information for publication in the next Newsletter. **John Robert Weedman**, born February 28, 1939 died in Harrison, Clare Co., MI on April 21, 2007. **Oletta Geraldine (Jerri) Weedman**, born June 20, 1931 died in Joshua Tree, CA on April 23, 2007. Jerry had recently written that her husband, **Jesse Weedman**, has an advanced stage of Alzheimer's disease and no longer recognized her. We seek information to publish from family members who are subscribers to the Newsletter.

Our condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away.

Christian Weedman, Sr. Immigration Possibilities

By Shawn Wiley

We corresponded a few months back regarding **Minnie D. Weedman** the mother of my step-father is **Fred D. Weedman**. We trace his roots back to **Christian Weedman, Sr.** through the following line: **Christian Weedman, Sr.**¹; **George Weedman**²; **John Huhn Weedman, Sr.**³; **Thomas S. Weedman**⁴; **Fred John Weedman**⁵; **Dale Fred Weedman**⁶. Because of this (and because history in general just fascinates me), I have some interest in **Christian Weedman, Sr.** and his origins and would like to propose a few theories regarding his arrival since you appear to be the resident expert on the subject.

I have been intrigued by a comment that I've found in one of the *Weedman Newsletters* and have been doing a bit of research. I had already noted that Christian had come to America in 1750 on the "Anderson" and that he was the only "Widman" on the ship. I had found the Anderson documentation in some of my own research. What I didn't know was that he was 15 years old (as referenced in the *Weedman Newsletter*, Spring '05, pg 3). I haven't been able to find any source that actually gave me his age. Assuming that this reference was more or less correct, I was fascinated by how a 15-year old boy would come to the states alone - even in the mid-1700's that sounded odd to me.

From my reading of the *Weedman Newsletter*, it appears you are currently working on a theory that he came over with friends or family members that didn't share the "Widman" name. I assume you're doing this by researching each of

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the individuals on the list to see if any of them have a Weedman history or future travels similar to where we know Christian went. I agree that this is the most likely situation and that he is likely from Germany or Holland. But I have a couple other ideas for why Christian may have been alone - you may have considered these already but since I haven't come upon any such reference in the newsletter, I'm just not sure and want to see what you think. Again - I think the first theory is the least far fetched, though the third is also intriguing. The second is not very likely given a recent finding in the Weedman newsletter, but I listed it anyhow.

1. Christian's parents/other family members could have perished on the voyage. From my research, the voyage could take anywhere from 8-12 weeks to get from England to Philadelphia. Conditions on board the ships were sometimes known to be less than perfect. I read accounts on hot meals as little as 3 times a week, heavily salted meats, bad water, etc. causing a high mortality rate in passengers. If both of Christian's parents (or family members) perished while on board, they would not have been listed as taking the oath when arriving at Philadelphia. Also - Christian, if indeed 15 years old, would have been at a very strong age to survive the journey. This would explain why he had no family/friends on board ship with him or here in America (that we've found so far). I have been trying to find some record of the Anderson when it arrived in England or some record from when it left Rotterdam to prove or disprove this theory, but to no avail.

2. Could Christian have been sold into indentured servitude when he arrived? Every article I've been able to find about indentured servitude in Pennsylvania describes the voyage as starting

in Rotterdam, through Cowles (or Cowes in some sources) England, to Philadelphia. I realize this is likely a very common route for a variety of Europeans coming to the new world in the 1750s (and in fact I found the same route referenced by those fleeing Holland around this time), but I can't explain why none of us have been able to find any reference to him until much later (1762?). If he was indeed 15, indentured servitude would explain why we couldn't find anything for at least 6 years since it was common for those underage to serve until they were 21. Also, if his family did, indeed, perish on the trip, he may have found it difficult to pay for his own voyage. I have found some sources stating that payment was made after the voyage and those who could not make payment had to sell themselves (or their family members) into indentured servitude to pay for their voyage (other sources indicated that some sailed, knowing their voyage was to be paid by parties for their services as indentured servants). I realize this one is shaky - I have no proof - just expressing a possible theory, though I'm not sure how I would even research this one short of finding reference to Christian somewhere in the first couple years after he arrived or an article that indicates what he did once he arrived. I saw in a later Weedman Newsletter that a reference to **Christian Weedman** in a 1750 Philadelphia tax list was found. If this is the case and this is the same "**Christian Widman**", I believe the theory would be disproved as I don't think servants paid taxes.

3. I note that every name on the "Anderson list" is a male name. There were women (and children) on board as indicated in the total number of passengers, but women were just apparently not listed. So it is possible that Christian could have traveled to America with a

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The project to analyze all of the passengers on the Ship Anderson that arrived in 1750 still provides the most likely source of clues regarding the origin of Christian Weedman, Sr.

The letter shown in this issue is the only known signature for John Weedman, Sr. We will be watching for more family artifacts on e-Bay.

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Mother or with a sister (or to combine with a previous theory, he traveled with both parents, but the father passed away on the journey). As the only male Widman to have arrived, it is possible (not sure how likely - probably not very) that he alone would show up in a tax register in 1750 while mother may not. Certainly if a sister were with him, she would likely not show up on the tax register. Though with this theory I cannot explain why we see no reference to a mother or sister later in life unless they had passed away or simply stayed in Philadelphia. This one is also difficult to prove and almost impossible to disprove (short of a document found that says he came alone). I suppose reference to a woman 20-30 years older than Christian with a Widman last name in the Philadelphia area would be good, but not definite - and what if she remarried or moved? Sometimes I really hate genealogy.

Thank you very much for your time and any thought you can put into these theories. I'm really just looking for feedback on any research you are aware of that would disprove these or if you feel they merit further research. If I'm on a road that you've already traveled to a dead end, I'd like to get off the road long before I reach the same end.

Family Business Specializes in Old Photograph Restoration

Katherine Weedman-Cox recently sent a package of material that describes the business she and her husband operate in Rancho Cordova, CA. Cox B & W Lab, Inc. offers archival printing and photographic restoration. They use digital technology along with experience and excellent photo products to make old photos look as good as new.

We know from conversations at our Weedman Reunions in the past that the need for this type of service from a known and trusted firm is of great value.

The customer list for Cox B&W Lab includes the National Archives, several State of California historical agencies as well as numerous private clients.

Cox B&W Lab is at 2933 Gold Pan Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Their telephone is (916) 631-7275. Their web site is: www.coxblackandwhitelab.com.

Katherine is the great-niece of the late Gail Weedman whose obituary is on page 11 of this issue.

We hope to hear more from Katherine.

John Huhn Weedman, Sr. Letter Written in 1851

We recently were able to purchase the letter written on August 22, 1851 that appears on the next two pages in a recent e-Bay auction. John Weedman, Sr. wrote the letter to a Mr. Rae in Madison County, Ohio. In it, he largely describes farming conditions in DeWitt County, IL and seems to attempt to open business relations with the gentleman. While the letter contains no genealogical information, it the oldest original family document we have been able to find (so far!). The fine handwriting of John who was likely home schooled is remarkable.. Don't we wish that we our children or grandchildren could have such fine writing skills?

Mount Pleasant ^{Mo} ~~Del~~ ^{Mo} ~~Del~~ ^{Mo} ~~Del~~
August 22. 1851.

Mr Doe
Sir

By request I write you
a few lines - we are all in moderate
health at the present time Mr. Sledge
and family left here for Ohio at 5th
of July they were all well at that time &
I have not heard from any of them since
they left. Corn is a pretty fair crop in
our section of country I think there will
be any amount for sale ranging about from
12 to 15 Cents per Bush The prospect for
buying Young Cattle I think is pretty good
there is some talk of men bringing in Cattle
from Missouri to winter here.
Mesby Hedge was out here last spring
from your country to buy Cattle but could
not stand it he went on to Missouri
and bought about Two Hundred and
Twenty five good sized Cattle I should
suppose that he bought them about right
as he is well acquainted with the business

I would like you to let me know on receipt
of this whether you are coming out to this
country this fall to buy out money ~~and~~
or to have any laid out for young cattle
Now is the best time to Buy Corn
& Cattle out here
Don't forget to write

Yours respectfully

John Weedman

Santa Anna, N.M.

Carruth & Co

Albuquerque

We have attempted in this issue to use photographs since our printer uses digital equipment to make our Newsletter. We will see if the quality is adequate to continue the practice in future issues. If it is, we will try to increase use of photos.

A final note. **Sharon Bryden** has asked that we put a page on our web site (www.weedman.org) where family researchers can list the various families on which they are currently working. We will attempt to get this running within the next couple of weeks. Until Fall, keep in touch.

Nick Weedman

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Katherine Weedman-Cox provides some helpful tips to insure that precious family photographs are preserved for future generations.

2008 Weedman National Family Gathering Update

Plans continue to be made for the next Weedman National Family Gathering to be held in Uniontown, PA June 20~22, 2008.

Fayette County, Pennsylvania has great historical significance to the bulk of the Weedman families in the U.S. The original immigrant, Christian Weedman, Sr. and his family lived there from about 1765 until 1799.

We intend to go back to "New Holland" (the name of the tract of land homesteaded by the family), visit the site of the church where they worshipped and try to get a feel for what life was like in the late 1700s.

We have selected the Holiday Inn in Uniontown to be the base hotel and they are asking us to commit to a specific number of rooms for the event.

Could you let Nick Weedman know of your plans to participate in the 2008 Reunion by sending an e-mail or visiting our web site (www.weedman.org) and complete a form on the 2008 Reunion page? We understand plans change and your indication is no more than your current interest in participation. Your cooperation will help to guide our planning efforts.

We hope to have this page up and running on the web site by the first week in October. Check back if you can't find where to fill out an intention form!

Photos for Future Generations

By Katherine Weedman-Cox

In 50 years, we know the next generation will be able to copy prints and print from negatives, but will they be able to read a deteriorated, inexpensive CD disc? Will they be able to access your hard drive?

Today it's not uncommon to have thousands of photos on your computer, but very few actual prints.

We're too busy, it cost too much or we just can't find a specific photo on our hard drive. We may be intimidated by the whole process of digital technology. Don't let your photos disappear!

To help preserve your new digital family photos for the future, it's important to take the following steps:

1. Download your images to your computer as soon as possible.
2. Back-up the images on a 2nd hard drive (external hard drives are great for this).

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3. Back-up the images on Archival Gold CD's or DVD's.

4. Make prints of the very important images (using archival paper and inks). Make copy negatives of these prints if possible.

5. Continue to transfer all this data to the next new media as time goes on. It's going to be a challenge, but well worth the effort. Your relatives will appreciate your hard work!

The preservation of old family photographs is a project we all need to undertake.

(Katherine Weedman-Cox and her husband operate Cox B&W Lab Sacramento CA that specializes on restoration of old photographs. We have asked her for tips to help retain our photographic treasures. Visit their web site at: www.coxblackandwhitelab.com).

Obituaries

Wilma Jean Weedman Howard

Wilma Jean Howard, age 59, of Smiths Grove, KY, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at the T J. Sampson Hospital in Glasgow, KY.

She was born on July 7, 1948, in Louisville, KY, the daughter of **Edward** and **Mary Whobrey Weedman**. She was a housewife and was a member of the Tick Ridge Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, **Mitchell Howard**, one son, **Jerry Hatalla** of Glasgow, KY, three daughters, **Maria Riley** of Killen, Alabama, **Tina Strickland** of Clinton, Tennessee, and **Betty Mudd** of Caneyville, KY, five sisters, **Louise Lindsey** of Leitchfield, KY, **Jeanette McClellan** of Vine Grove, KY, **Mary Lindsey** of Louisville, KY, **Jessie**

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Please keep us informed of family events such as births, weddings, deaths, etc. for publication in this Newsletter.

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Mudd of Elizabethtown, KY and **Doris Duggins** of New Albany, IN, one brother, **Charles Weedman** of Leitchfield, and five grandsons.

Funeral services were August 16 at the Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield with burial in the Hopewell Cemetery.

Her lineage: Wilma Jean Weedman Howard⁷, Edward G. Weedman⁶, Willis Green Weedman, Jr.⁵, Willis Green Weedman, Sr.⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Bernice Oran

Bernice M. Oran, 87, of Kearney, Nebraska died Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007 at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Services were on August 25, 2007 with burial at Kearney Cemetery.

She was born May 8, 1920, in Kearney to **O.F. and Nina (Kummer) Grosh**.

On June 29, 1943, she married **Carl Oran** in Kearney. He died in 2002.

Survivors include her sons, **Gary Oran** of Gaithersburg, Md., **Alan Oran** of Austin, Texas, and **Curt Oran** of Elkhorn, NE; daughters, **Peggy Thompson** of Eugene, Ore., and **Carol Huffman** of Council Bluffs, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1937. She graduated from Kearney State Teachers College in 1941. She taught school in Oxford then in Ravenna.

She and her husband lived in Kearney. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kearney, Daughters of the

American Revolution, 8 & 40, PEO Chapter FN, American Legion Auxiliary and the Nebraska Genealogy Society. She was an avid bridge player and belonged to several bridge groups and enjoyed genealogy work. She did volunteer work at Good Samaritan Hospital and Trails and Rails Museum.

Carl Oran

(This is a belated obituary provided by Diane Hall, a niece of Carl Oran).

Carl F. Oran, 89, of Kearney died Thursday, Dec 26, 2002, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. He was born Aug. 24, 1913, in Evansville, Indiana to **Robert and Myrtle (Orum) Oran**.

He grew up in Evansville and graduated from Reitz high School in 1931. He enlisted in the First Coastal Artillery Corps in 1932 and served in Panama. He moved to Kearney in 1936 and attended Kearney State College, graduating in 1940. He was a graduated of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, VA., in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 during World War II.

He served as the Selective Service Director of the State of Nebraska, commander of the 168th Field artillery Group, commander of the 128th Combat Engineer Battalion, was Combat Engineer Platoon Leader and Adjutant of the Second Infantry Division from 1942 to 1945. He received the Silver Star in 1945, European Theater of Operations Ribbon with five Battle Stars and received the American Defense Medal in World War II. He graduated from Command General Staff College in 1950 and the United States Army College in 1961.

On June 29, 1943, he married **Bernice**

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The Orans were participants in early family reunions and strong supporters of the Weedman Newsletter.

Dyer County, TN has a genealogical web site which is one of the most well equipped of any we have seen.

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Grosh in Kearney. He owned and operated the Southside Liquor Store and in 1965, he opened Oran's Spirit Shop, which in operated until he retired.

He was a member of the church in Kearney, was past president of the Nebraska National Guard Association, past Commander of the Kearney American Legion Post 52, Past chef de gare of 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaus. He was a life member of the National Guard Association of the United States, life member of the Nebraska National Guard Association, life member of Second (Indian Head) Division, life member of American Legion Post 523, life member of VFW Post 759, life member of the BPO Elks 984.

He was also a charter member of the Loper Supporters, charter member of the United State War College Alumni Association and a charter member of the Buffalo County Historical Society. He called Bingo at the Legion and the Senior Hospitality Center and enjoyed hunting, fishing and swimming.

Survivors include his wife; sons, **Gary** of Gaithersburg, Md., **Alan** of Austin, Texas, and **Curt** of Lincoln; daughters **Peggy Thompson** of Eugene, Oregon, and **Carol Huffman** of Council Bluffs, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother **Ralph Lester Oran** and sister **Ruth Ellen Oran Seitz**.

(Source: Kearney, NE Hub)

The lineage of Carl Oran was: Carl Oran⁸, Myrtle Orum Oran⁷, Druscilla Ellen Weedman⁶, John W. Weedman⁵, William Weedman⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Louis Bernard Richardt

Louis Bernard Richardt, 83, of Evansville, IN died on June 24, 2006 at an Evansville hospital. He was a native of Evansville, graduated from Central High School there, and was a World War II veteran. He was a life insurance salesman for Mutual of Omaha and Franklin Life Insurance Companies and later co-owned the Kerth Street Grocery Company. He was married to **Marguerite (Weedman) Richardt** for 57 years. Mr. Richardt is survived by his wife, two daughters, **Meribeth Mermall** of Chicago and **Jill Ann Oneiglia** of Winchester CT; six sons, **Christopher Noel Richardt** of Limestone, TN; **Charles Adrian Richardt** of Lake Zurich, IL; **Michael Douglas Richardt** of Indianapolis; **Mark Douglas Richardt** of Danville, IN; **Jeffrey Allen Richardt** of Maryville, TN; and **Timothy Paul Richardt** of Elizabeth City, NC. In addition he leaves 18 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Evansville.

Dyer County, Tennessee Genealogical Research

We recently had a need to do some genealogical research on-line with a focus on Dyer County, TN. What we found was arguably the most fully featured web site we have run across that is crammed with outstanding genealogical information. The site is located at:

www.rootsweb.com/~tndyer/.

What we found was a virtually complete list of cemeteries with many tombstones photographed and available on the site. Something unique was complete funeral home records that came from Curry Funeral Home from 1913 through 1939.

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Marriage records are there as well as census extracts for many years although this is not complete.

As a result of the quality of information available on that site, I was able to fill numerous gaps that existed in our Weedman family data base. We have been able to gain new insights into two families that moved from Perry County, IN to Dyer County, TN. The family records of **John and Mariah (Cart) Weedman** who moved in about 1888 and some portions of that of **Green Berry Weedman** have been significantly enhanced due to this web site.

We commend Dyer County RootsWeb coordinators for the extensive and high quality information they are providing.

We have newly updated information on the two Weedman families mentioned and will happily provide that to any interested family member upon request.

An example of a tombstone photograph appears in this article. This is for Helen Eula Weedman who lived only a year after her birth in Dyer County and was an aunt of the Editor of the Weedman Newsletter.



Broken tombstone of Helen Eula Weedman, daughter of Charles Green and Martha (Lanman) Weedman in Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Finley TN

Montessori School in Egypt Headed by Marguerite Weedman Richardt

Marguerite J. (Weedman) Richardt wrote to advise she had relocated from Evansville, IN to Chicago and to convey the death of her husband of 57 years, Louis B. Richardt (see Obituaries in this issue). She sent a most interesting flyer about the Montessori School in Cairo Egypt that she was instrumental in founding in 1981. The school has celebrated 25 years of success. Marguerite spends most the year in Cairo with limited time in the U.S. We commend Marguerite for her efforts that will surely help to foster greater understanding and harmony in the Middle East. Marguerite is the daughter of **Jantus and Nancy (Frost) Weedman** (the **Jacob Weedman** line of Southern Indiana).

Weedman NJCAA academic All-American

OLNEY, Ill.—Cannelton IN graduate **LaDonna Weedman** has been named a National Junior College Athletic Association Distinguished Academic All-American for basketball for the 2006-07 school year.

Weedman was a sophomore center for Olney Community College and compiled a 4.0 grade-point average, graduating as co-valedictorian. She also received student athlete and chief executive office awards and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for students at two-year colleges.

An elementary education major, she

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Marguerite Richardt has been involved in the Montessori School in Egypt for over 25 years.

<div>LaDonna Weedman has a distinguished athletic and academic record at Olney (IL) Community College.</div>	<div>(Continued from page 21)</div> <div>will attend the University of Southern Indiana this fall but currently does not plan to play basketball, as leg injuries she suffered last year still bother her somewhat.</div> <div>She was the starting center for the Olney Lady Blue Knights last season. She averaged seven points and seven rebounds in the first 11 games, getting double figures in both categories in four games.</div> <div>Then she suffered stress fractures in both femurs and had to sit out six weeks, missing eight games.</div> <div>She was not allowed to run or jump during that time but kept in shape by riding an exercise bicycle during practice. She eventually worked her way back to the starting lineup.</div> <div>She is the daughter of Jim and Robin Weedman of Cannelton.</div> <div>(Source: Perry County (IN) News)</div> <div>Congratulations to LaDonna Weedman for her academic and athletic achievements!</div> <div>A Note from Cathy Stone</div> <div>You may have gone over this before, but I have been wondering: Could Christian Sr. come over to this country with a sister and brother in law? Did the ship's captain keep a log of their journey? Was Christian Jr. married twice? I find it very odd that he had his first child at the age of 27.</div> <div>I have found no evidence to proof that any Weedman had any relationship with the Green family in Grayson Co. Ky. This doesn't mean they had no rela-</div>	<div>tionship. They may have worked on the farm at one time or other. In the Green Family book there was a reference to a Stone, but I don't know which one. I have always wondered how my grandfather was called Lafayette. Once I did ask my Dad, but he didn't know. I do not find any Weedman, Dennison or other Stone's to use the name Lafayette. There are a lot of Willis' in both the Stone and Weedman families. As you know Lafayette Stone was a son of John M. & Mehetible Weedman Stone. I just find that odd.</div> <div>Response: We have always been of the belief that Christian Weedman, Sr. traveled to this country probably with a relative or at least with close family friend. At his age, the likelihood of immigrating alone seems remote. We don't know of any documentation other than what has been published. The use of the names Willis, Green and Willis Green is prevalent in a number of lines of the Christian Weedman, Jr. families. We published some thoughts on this on page 13, Volume 33 of the Summer 2000 Weedman Newsletter.</div> <div>In the Winter 2007 Issue</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Continuation of the John H. Weedman, Jr. family and descendents.An article contributed by Shawn Wiley on Widman immigrants.A newspaper article from the 1950s of a Davison-Weedman family reunion in Perry County, IN.Another Weedman family in the U.S. — this one has German roots and settled in Maryland (courtesy of Frieda Davison)2008 Weedman National Family Gathering—an update on the planning and parcitipaton.</div>
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John Huhn Weedman, Jr. And his Descendants

*(This is the first part of an article that will continued in the Winter 2007 issue of the **Weedman Newsletter**. The intent is to trace the descendents of John Huhn Weedman, Jr.)*

John Huhn Weedman, Jr. was arguably the most successful person in the family even to this date. He was a farmer, cattleman, banker and businessman. (We only recently learned from the baptismal records of the Jacobs Lutheran Church near Masontown, PA that **John Weedman, Sr.** was christened **John Huhn Weedman** and not **John Jesse Weedman** as a translation of the records had appeared).

Having had such success, the question has been asked, was there a financially successful dynasty created as a result of his success? While we can't definitively answer that, it is surprising what happened to the descendants of this person.

John Huhn Weedman, Jr. was born on 3 February 1828 in Perry County, Ohio to **John Huhn, Sr.** and **Rachael (Wilson) Weedman**. Rachael was a daughter of **Asa Wilson**.

In August 1830, the family left Perry County, Ohio and headed west settling in Heyworth, McLean County, Illinois which is between Bloomington and Farmer City, IL. **George** and **Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman** were the elders and with them were several of their sons and daughters with their families. **George Weedman** was the original settler on his land and the fact that rich land was available at low cost or even free in some instances surely attracted the family to Illinois.

We will attempt to show what happened to **John Weedman, Jr.** and his descendants in this presentation.

John Weedman, Jr. married **Mary Ann McDonald** (born 22 September 1834) on 31 March 1853. It was about this time or even before that John started to collect land and built what became a successful business empire.

Almost immediately, the couple started a family with the first child, a daughter, being born 1 December 1853. She was apparently still born because the tombstone in Campground Cemetery just south west of Farmer City simply says "infant daughter". A son, **Lyman A. Weedman**, was born on 27 December 1854 but died in 1855. Then, the third child, **Lenora Weedman**, was born 11 September 1856 and she died in 1857.

While the loss of children was not uncommon in the difficult environment on the frontier the loss of three children in four years must have been devastating.

Then, there were four children born to the couple, all survived until adulthood. Children were:

Harriet Josephine Weedman, born 21 December 1857
Cassius Marcellus Clay Weedman, born 12 August 1860
Rachael Rosella Weedman, born 4 March 1862
John Sherman Weedman, born 15 December 1867

While there may have been other children it is likely that is the entire family since they had the resources to put markers on the graves of any children.

The 1860 census of McLean County shows the family of **John Weedman** living in West Township with him being 31 years old and a farmer. His wealth at that time was not particularly remarkable have real estate valued at \$4,000 and a personal estate of some \$2,300.

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By 1870, his wealth had accumulated somewhat with real estate valued at \$50,000 and a personal estate of \$25,000. It is doubtful if the values had any definitive measurement but clearly the family was on its way toward a very comfortable existence. It was about this time that the town of Weedman, Illinois was formed and the **John Weedman** farm was just to the west of the town.

John H. Weedman, Sr. moved to Hamilton Co., IA where he died on 12 March 1968. **John H. Weedman, Jr.** died on 30 Jul 1885 at his home in McLean Co., IL and a newspaper article on his death and funeral appears on the Weedman Family web site at www.weedman.org.

Here is a summary of the four surviving children:

John Sherman Weedman

Little is known about **John Sherman Weedman**. He was born on 15 Dec 1867, apparently never married and from a newspaper article we have learned that he died 17 Feb 1908 in an insane asylum in Indianapolis. The article simply says that **C.M.C. Weedman** had been informed of the death and was traveling to bring the body back to Illinois for burial. He is buried in Campground Cemetery in Farmer City.

Cassius Marcellus (Cash) Weedman

Cassius Marcellus Clay Weedman was known as "**Cash**" **Weedman** no doubt due to not only his name but the fact that he was at one time a teller in the John Weedman National Bank of Farmer City! He was born He married **Grace Gardiner** of Farmer City on 15 February 1893 in Farmer City. Grace was born in 1870. **Cash Weedman** was also a Post Master in Farmer City and seemed to have been a highly respected citizen. There were no children born to this marriage and, from another newspaper article, we have learned that he died on 30 January 1910 in an insane asylum in Kankakee, IL where he had been confined for two years. He is buried in Campground Cemetery.

So, the two surviving male offspring of John and Mary A. Weedman had no children and both died while confined to an institution.

Rachelle Rosella Weedman Young

The youngest daughter was **Rachael Rosella Weedman**, born on 4 March 1862 in McLean County. She married **Thomas V. Young**, son of **Denton** and **Emma Young** of LeRoy in McLean County. The Youngs had a clothing store in LeRoy on in the 1900 census; it is shown that both **Thomas** and **Rachael R. (Weedman) Young** were working on clothing store presumably that of Denton Young in Empire Township. In the 1900 census, it reveals the couple had been married 8 years and that there were no children at that time. It is known from family tradition that **Thomas** and **Rachael Young** moved to Dallas. In the 1930 census, we find **Thomas V. Young** aged 62 as a boarder in a hotel and that he was a widow. We have been unable to find a listing in 1910 or 1920 for the couple. It has been concluded that the couple remained without issue thus ending the line at that point.

Harriet Josephine Weedman, was the only offspring to have married and had children.

Harriet Josephine Weedman Brodix

Josephine Weedman as she was known married **Charles Raymond Brodix** of Bloomington IL in 1882.

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Response to the expression of interest in the 2008 Weedman Family Gathering has been outstanding.

Holiday Greetings to Everyone

We are late getting this issue out due to holidays and busy work. It is hoped that everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

2008 Weedman National Family Gathering Update

Concurrent with the publication of the last edition of the *Newsletter*, we put a page on the Weedman web site (www.weedman.org) where those interested in participating could express their intent. As a result, we have over 50 people at this point who intend to participate!

The **2008 Weedman Reunion** will be held from June 20 ~ 22, 2008 in Uniontown, PA. This is a little over an hour south and east of Pittsburgh.

For any that are interested, we will consider starting a day early at the location in Perry County, OH where **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** lived, died and are buried. We haven't been able to find a grave site but know about where this should be. The youngest daughter, **Catherine Weedman Huhn Keefover** is buried in the Good Hope Lutheran Church in Hopewell Township. But, this will occur only if there is sufficient interest.

On Friday, we will begin activities at the host hotel, currently planned to be the Holiday Inn.

On Saturday morning, those who expressed an interest in visiting the Frank

Lloyd Wright designed home near Uniontown. Others will go to Fort Defiance where living conditions that depict those in existence when our family lived in the area are shown. Either should be highly interesting.

On Saturday afternoon, we will go to "**New Holland**", the site of the homestead taken by Christian Weedman in 1765. This is where the family lived until 1799 when they sold and started their trek to Ohio.

On Saturday night, we will have the Reunion dinner with recognition events and planning for future Reunions.

We are still soliciting interest in the event to help us in the planning process so if you have any intention to attend, go to our web site (www.weedman.org) and follow instructions on completing the Reunion form.

We are seeking nominations for the Weedman Hall of Fame. Nominations are simple and all one has to do is to say why they are nominating the person.

Also being sought is someone to host the

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next Reunion, if the group decides to do one, in 2010.

Maryland Weedman Family The 4th Weedman Line in America

Contributed by Frieda Davison

On the Weedman webpage:

James Wilson Weedman. was born 2 Feb 1908 (place unknown) and died 26 Feb 2001 in Sudlersville, MD. He lived in Maryland all his life. He had two siblings: **Charles Norman Weedman** (12 Jan 1917 - 20 Apr 1990) and **George Carroll Weedman** (10 Mar 1919 - Aug 1969). Both of the brothers lived in Maryland as well. Their parents were: **Denver and Drusilla (Wilson) Weedman.** Can anyone advise how this family fits into the family tree? (We have learned that the parents of **James Wilson Weedman** immigrated from Germany. This makes a 4th line on the Weedman

family in America). I found the following:

1920 Census: Maryland, Queen Anne's Co., Dixon, District 71, dwelling 146, family 147:

Weedman, Denver C., head, 35, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland

Drusilla, wife, 35, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

J. Wilson, son, 11, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Chas. Norman, son, 3 1/12, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

George Carroll, son, 10/12, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Sandler, Joshaway, help, black, 19, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Maddox, Wm., help, black, 31, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in U.S.

Parris, Preston C., brother-in-law, 65, widowed, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

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Our thanks to Frieda Davison for her work on the Maryland Weedman line. We will publish her work on a Colorado Weedman in the next issue.

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1910 Census: Maryland, Queen Anne's Co., Dixon, District 61, dwelling 37, family 37

Weedman, Denver C., head, 25, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland, married 2 years, farmer
Drusilla, wife, 25, had had 1 child, 1 living, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland,

James W., son, 2, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Bradley, Howard, hired boy, 12, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland, laborer – odd jobs

Rochester, Charles E., black, hired man, 17, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland, laborer – works out

Reason, Rosa, servant, black, 26, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland, cook for private family

1900 Census: Maryland, Queen Anne's Co., Dixon, District 57, dwelling 362, family 383

Weedman, Christopher, head, b. Oct 1847, 52, married 23 years, b. in Germany, both parents in Germany, immigrated in 1874, farmer,

Rebecca, wife, b. Feb 1862, 38, had had 5 children, 5 living, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Germany

Essie, daughter, b. Jun 1879, 20, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland

Maggie, daughter, b. Feb 1881, 19, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland, at school

Denver, son, b. Jun 1884, 15, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland, farm laborer,

Mary, daughter, b. Aug 1894, 5, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland

Margaret, mother, b. Jan 1843, 57, married 38 years, b. in Germany, both parents in Germany, immigrated in 1853

Leonard, father, b. Oct 1823, 76, had had 1 child, 1 living, b. in Germany, both

parents in Germany, immigrated in 1860, naturalized in 1865, farmer,

Who is Searching Which Line of the Family?

At the suggestion of **Sharon Bryden**, long time subscriber, we have added a page to the Weedman Web Site (www.weedman.org) to allow those working on genealogy to list surnames they are currently pursuing. From the main page, simply click on “**Who Is Searching for What Family Member**”. We will be happy to list your lines of interest if you will send us and e-mail with details you want listed. Nick Weedman's e-mail is nick@weedman.org.

New Genealogical Research Web Sites

There are two new web sites that could be of great interest to those working on their genealogy. First, Footnote.com is working with the National Archives to digitalize records there. This is a paid site if you want to get into much detail but the cost is far less than that of Ancestry.com. Recently on this site, I found a reference to a **Christian Weedman** who had Revolutionary War service. This needs to be pursued!

Vicki Kimberlin of Sandusky, OH who is a frequent contributor of information and sources has pointed out one to me that I had not known. FamilySearch.org which is the LDS web site has a new service in a Beta test. Digitalized records are being posted there and they are looking for people to help test the new site and provide feedback.

If anyone is interested, send an e-mail to **Nick Weedman** and I will provide the contact information.

There are a number of new genealogical research sites that are worth examining. Two are cited here.

Family News and Notes

Greggs Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Congratulations to **Helen** and **Bill Gregg** of Evansville, IN who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last August. They are loyal supporters of the *Weedman Newsletter* and have attending most of the Weedman Reunions.

Obituary

Malcolm Weedman

Malcolm Weedman, age 47, died November 27, 2007 in Tampa, FL. He was a son of **Carl L.** and **Helen (Penn) Weedman**. He was survived by his father, **Carl L. Weedman**; a sister, **Angelina Schoner** of Alabama; three brothers **George, Kevin, and Carl Jr.**; and a grandson, **Justin Weedman** of Ohio.

His lineage: Malcom⁸, Carl Levone, Sr.⁷, George Winfred⁶, John Cabel Breckenridge⁵, Addison Meriwether⁴, Stephen³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Chelsea Weedman California High School Swimmer

Currently a sophomore in high school in San Diego County CA, **Chelsea Weedman** continues to excel in swimming. Last school year, she was the only freshman who was selected to the ALL CIF (All-star) San Diego County high school swim team consisting of 7 other swimmers. It was recently published that she is ranked in the top 1% nationally in high school for her swimming accomplishments. This summer she qualified and competed with success at the Junior Nationals in Indiana. On October 11th by invitation only from the United States Swimming Association, she was the lone athlete from San Diego County to attend a National Camp at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. USSA and the local swimming association is paying the expenses. She has already received four letters from universities, and two of them are from Division I schools.

What a great story! Chelsea is the daughter of **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** who hosted the 2004 Weedman Reunion in San Diego.

Arie Weedman Engagement

Arie Weedman and **Travis Spangler**, both of La Costa, have announced their engagement.

The future bride is the daughter of **Bill** and **Thea Weedman** of Encinitas. She is a 1994 graduate of San Dieguito High School and received her bachelor's degree from Pepperdine University and her juris doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. She works as an attorney for Kring & Chung, LLP.

The future groom is the son of **Donna French** and **Bruce Hose** of Encinitas and **Gary** and **Lauren Spangler** of Valley Center. He is a 1990 graduate of San Dieguito High School and received his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University. He works for the San Diego County Office of Education and has his own film company.

The wedding was held on December 8, 2007, at the Pow-erhouse in Del Mar. The couple plan to spend their honeymoon in Europe.

This is all chronicled on their web site which is: www.travisandarie.com. This is a much better report than we could print here!

California Wild Fires and How Weedman Families Coped

The California wild fires that struck areas from Malibu to San Diego affected several family members. But we are happy to report that none lost their homes as far as we have been able to learn. **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** had to evacuate as did **Bill** and **Thea Weedman**. The experience had to be frightening but at least there was no loss of life or property.

We attempted to make contact with Hall of Fame winner, **Charles Vern Weedman**, who lives in Malibu but we were unsuccessful. We learned one of his sons lives in Nashville, TN and sent an e-mail to him but there was never a response.

It is gratifying to know that all of our crew came through unscathed.

Swedish Weedman Lines An Update

An inquiry was recently received from someone descended from the Swedish Weedman line asking for help in sorting out their lineage. The first note read:

*"My older half brother is a Weedman. We believe he is from the Swedish roots. He has not seen his father since 4 months of age (many many many moons ago). His fathers name was **J. Willard Weedman**. He was known as Willy. He had two sisters, one was **Mary** and the other was Maude. One of the two sisters we know married. Willy's father was John and his wife was **Mattie**. The last we know of Willy we believe is he lived in Quincy, Ill. Can you help our family roots search? Thank You Ellen"*

We asked for more information and received the following:

*"I know I have more information around here some where. I will need to dig into things to find what I have. Here is what I have at my finger tips. **John Willard** was born on July 3 1915. He was married to my mother on Nov 22 most likely 1938 in New London, Mo. He went to High school in Macomb, Ill. He was a taxi driver around 1938-1939. When he left Macomb, Ill he went to Quincy, Ill area. I believe his sisters were older than him. I believe his fathers name was **John W. Weedman** born in Sweden in 1856 naturalized in 1880 Knox Co Ill. I believe his mothers name was **Mattie L. Warner** born 1881 in Ill. Married in Knox Co. Ill. in 1904. Somewhere along the line comes a **Johal Weedman** born June 24 1829 in Sweden. And **Jonas Wiman Weedman Hedberg**, born June 24 1829 in Sweden. Mary was born in Sweden. Whose mother she was I do not know or how she fits in. I believe **John Willard (Willy)** date of death was July 1983 in Quincy Ill. I hope to find out someday how to get a hold of the Obits in Quincy for that period of time. Quincy has 3 cemeteries. Only one lists people buried there on the internet. I hope this helps both of us. Happy hunting. Ellen"*

This triggered research, primarily focused on census records. Since the family originated (or so we thought) with **Olaf** and **Brita (Andersdotter) Weedman** who emigrated in 1855 and settled in Copley Township, Knox County, Illinois the census records should provide an excellent picture of this family and it's descendents.

But, it became clear that **John W. Weedman** did not originate with **Olaf Weedman**! While far from being an expert on this line, it was believed that all of the Swedish Weedman families in this country were descended from **Olaf** and **Brita Weedman**. Not so!

It appears there were probably three or four brothers who immigrated with Olaf being the initial traveler. While we have no proof of relationship, it is highly likely that Olaf born in 1821 had the following brothers: **Jonas** or **Janus Weedman**, born 1829 in Sweden, and possibly **Peter Weedman** born May 1834 in Sweden.

Further in our research, we found that one subscriber to the *Newsletter* has done what appears to be extensive research on this line. **Karen Perkins Lovell** of St. Louis MO has put much work on the **Olaf Weedman** line on Ancestry.com. Her research seems to confirm what we have found.

Since we have published some in the past on **Olaf Weedman**, we will show what has been found on the other two apparent brothers.

In the 1900 Knox Co., IL census **Peter** and **Mary Weedman** appear. Peter was born in May, 1834 in Sweden and had married **Mrs. Mary Ironberg** on 18 Dec 1899 according to Illinois marriage records. Mary had formerly been mar-

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ried to **Peter Ironberg** and appears to have been divorced from him (this is unproven). **Peter Weedman's** first wife according to **Karen Lovell's** work was **Betsey Weedman**, born 23 Feb 1830 in Sweden and who died 4 Mar 1896. She is buried in Victoria, Knox County, IL. The 1900 census shows that **Peter Weedman** arrived in this country in 1882 and was naturalized. There appear to have been no children from the marriage of **Peter** and **Mary (Ironberg) Weedman**. We were unable to find **Peter** and **Betsey Weedman** in the 1880 census and do not know of descendants from that couple.

The apparent lineage of the person who made the inquiry must come from **Janas** and **Mary Weedman**. They are found in the 1870 Knox County, IL census living adjacent to **Olaf** and **Brita Weedman** and were ages 41 and 36 respectively both born in Sweden. Three children are shown: **Charles** (age 17), **John** (age 14) and **Mary** (age 12). In the 1900 census for Dayton, Webster County, Iowa is found **Janus Weedman** aged 70 (born July 1829 in Sweden) and **Maria** aged 74 (born October 1824 in Sweden). The census reveals the couple had three children all of whom were living. A county land ownership map for 1875 shows that a **C. Weedman** owned a section of land.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to research cemetery records on Webster Co., Iowa for any of this family.

In the 1910 Knox County, IL census, **John** and **Martha Weedman** ages 51 and 29 respectively are listed along with two daughters, **Mary** age 3 and **Maude** 7 months old (the census was taken 16 April 1910). John's occupation was a hardware retail merchant and the family resided in the village of Victoria. This fits with the description provided by the inquirer.

In the 1920 Knox Co. census, **J. W.** and **Mattie Weedman**, ages 62 and 39, are listed with children **Mary E.** (13), **Maude** (10), and **J. Willard** (4). J. W. was a grocery retailer.

No listing for J. W. or Mattie Weedman could be found in 1930 but living in Galesburg was **Chester** and **Mary Woolsey** both 23 years old with **Willard Weedman**, a brother (obviously to Mary), age 14 and attending school. Chester was a dairy route salesman. The couple had been married for 4 years.

We conclude that **John Willard Weedman** was a son of **John** and **Martha or Mattie Weedman**. He was a grandson of **Janus or Jonas** and **Mary Weedman**. It is highly likely but yet unproved that **Olaf Weedman**, **Peter Weedman**, and **John Weedman** were all brothers. The line has been researched in Sweden and lineage can be provided.

One aspect of this is the confusing conventions used in Sweden on surnames. Larson, for example, was a son of Lars whose surname would be totally different from that of his son. Andersdotter would be a daughter of Anders and have a different surname. We are friends with a lady from Sweden who confirmed this naming convention and did not know its origins or when the practice changed. How **Olaf Weedman** who was a son of **Olaf** and **Karin (Larsdotter) Larson** is a mystery to me! We have two subscribers to the *Newsletter* who descend from this line and perhaps they can shed light on the family.

It seems most of the family of **Olaf Weedman** remained in Knox County, IL except for his son, Alfred who moved to McLean Co., IL and **William Lewis Weedman** who moved first to western Iowa, then Nebraska and finally Kansas. We will publish more on this line when materials are available.

John Huhn Weedman, Jr. And his Descendents

*(This is a continuation of an article that appeared in the Fall 2007 issue of the **Weedman Newsletter**. John H. Weedman, Jr. was the most successful family member up until his death. He left a considerable estate and a number of people wondered about the fate of his children and descendents. This article is an attempt to answer those questions.)*

There is one correction to make in the article that was in the Fall 2007 issue. Subsequent research revealed that **John Sherman Weedman** had been married. In the 1900 census for Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN, he is shown as a hotel clerk but his wife does not appear to be residing in the same quarters. No marriage record has been found in either Indiana or Illinois for him. The census shows that he had been married for four years when the census was taken. We know that he died in 1908 after being confined to an institution. The hotel at which he was a clerk was at 232 South Illinois Street in Indianapolis which was downtown near the train station.

The remaining child of **John H.** and **Mary Ann Weedman** was **Harriet Josephine Weedman**.

Josephine Weedman, as she was known, was born 21 December 1857 in McLean Co., IL. We have found reference to her attending college but those details are not known. On 21 December 1881, she married **Charles Raymond Brodix** of Bloomington, IL who was a son of **William T.** and **Mary (Wicks) Brodix**. The Brodix family had lived in Indiana and had moved to Illinois in the 1860s. Both William T. and Charles Raymond Brodix were shown as book agents in the 1880 census.

Charles R. Brodix entered the publishing business and owned publishing companies in Chicago and in Washington, D.C. In the 1890s, advertising can be found in newspapers in many places in the country advertising books by the Brodix Publishing Company. It is unclear whether the publishing company was successful. Reference was found to a judgment against the company in November 1892 in which the company failed to pay a debt for printing that had been done for one of the political parties in Washington, D.C. It appears matters were resolved in due course. Another reference shows that the company published the Brodix Business Directory of Washington D.C. for 1886/87. In an 1890 City Directory for Washington D.C., **Charles R. Brodix** appears as the President of Brodix Publishing Company, 1425 Stoughton N.W., in the District of Columbia.

Charles and Josephine (Weedman) Brodix apparently had five children:

John Weedman Brodix, born 9 Oct 1882 in IL

Charles Raymond Brodix, Jr. born 16 July 1884 in IL

Mercedes Brodix, probably born about 1887 but this is uncertain

Thomas Carter Brodix, born 10 October 1890 in Washington D.C.

Josephine Brodix, born 6 Nov 1894 in Washington D.C.

The family was shown living in New Bloomfield Borough, Perry Co., PA in the 1900 census. All are shown as boarders in this census. **Josephine Brodix** is shown in that census as having borne five children, four of whom were living.

By 1910, the family had moved to Springfield Township, Burlington Co., NJ where it is believed they resided until the parents died. They operated a dairy farm at that location while Charles, the elder is shown as an exporter in foreign trade. It is unknown what happened to the publishing company. The three sons all appeared to have attended

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Columbia University in New York City.

Charles Raymond Brodix, Jr.

Born in 1884 in Illinois, Charles attended law school at Columbia University. He was admitted to the New York bar on 18 May 1915 and appears to have practiced law in New York City. He married **Louise Williams** on 8 Nov 1929 in New York City and they appear in the 1930 census living on 86th Street. There were apparently no children of this marriage. He died in Feb 1971 in New York City according to the Social Security Death Index. Attempts to learn more about him through obituaries, etc. have not been successful.

Thomas Carter Brodix

Born in 1890 in the District of Columbia, it is believed that he attended Columbia University but this has not been confirmed. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 26th and 30th Aero Squadron in World War I. He married **Elizabeth C. Connolly** on 2 Jul 1927 in New York City. It is unknown what occupation he pursued although at the time of his death, he was running publishing company for his brother-in-law, **Louis M. Merryman**, in Baltimore. He died 21 Dec 1948 in Baltimore. A nephew recalls taking the ashes of **Thomas C. Brodix** to a cemetery in New Jersey. The cemetery is the Upper Springfield Cemetery in Springfield Township, Burlington Co., N.J. There were apparently no children of this marriage.

Josephine Brodix

Born in 1894 in D.C., she married **Louis McLane Merryman, Sr.** about 1919. The pair apparently eloped and for their early years lived on one of the channel islands between England and France. Merryman descended from an old line Maryland family and was raised on a farm at Sparks, Maryland that has been in the family since the 1700s. **Louis Merryman** served in the Roosevelt administration as head of the Milk Administration. He was a livestock breeder and gentleman farmer. Prominent in Maryland politics, he served in the State Legislature and in Baltimore County governmental positions.

There were apparently five children born to this couple:

1. **Louis McLane Merryman, Jr.**, born 23 Oct 1920 in MD. Died 24 Sept 1953.
2. **John Brodix Merryman**, born 29 Oct 1922 in MD, died 23 Jan 1993 in MD.
3. **Josephine Merryman**, born 27 Feb 1925 in MD, married a Mr. Van Ness, died 9 Dec 1997 in Santa Barbara, CA.
4. **Elizabeth Merryman**, born about 1929 in MD.

There was probably one other child and, if research has proven correct, that person is living so we will forego specifics.

The **Merryman** line of the family has descendents and are the only ones remaining in the line of **John Huhn** and **Mary Ann Weedman**.

But, we have omitted one other son of **Charles R., Sr.** and **Harriet Josephine (Weedman) Brodix**. **John Weedman Brodix** attended Columbia University and achieved a number of leadership positions while in attendance. We will continue with his biography in the Spring 2008 issue. **John Weedman Brodix** married but had no children as far as we know. But, he had an interesting life which was terminated accidentally. Details will be provided in the next issue.